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Preliminary Amendment

Please enter the following amendment and remarks into the
record.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 4.

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3. (amended) A method of diagnosing Alzheimer's disease in a patient suspected of having Alzheimer's disease comprising:

- (a) isolating single senile plaques in brain tissue by immunocytochemical techniques;
- (b) identifying the presence of RNA by contacting said senile plaque with a fluorescent dye capable of intercalating selectively into nucleic acids;
- (c) amplifying the identified RNA; and
- (d) determining whether the amplified RNA product hybridizes to any known cDNAs for proteins involved in the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/183,636 filed October 30, 1998 which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/064,032 filed November 3, 1997. Claims 2 and 4 have been canceled. Claim 3 has been amended to make it independent and to incorporate the language of claim 2, as allowed in the parent application. No new matter has been added. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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In the claims:

Claims 2 and 4 have been canceled.

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (amended) A method of diagnosing Alzheimer's disease in a patient suspected of having Alzheimer's disease comprising: ~~detecting the presence of an RNA identified by the method of claim 2 in the brain of the patient~~

(a) isolating single senile plaques in brain tissue by immunocytochemical techniques;

(b) identifying the presence of RNA by contacting said senile plaque with a fluorescent dye capable of intercalating selectively into nucleic acids;

(c) amplifying the identified RNA; and

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Request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e)

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing in this application is
identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing
filed in application Serial No. 09/183,636 filed October 30, 1998.
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the only
computer readable form filed in that application as the computer
readable form for the instant application. It is understood that
the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in
the application number and filing date for the instant application.

A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included in the originally-filed specification of the instant application.

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